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Mr. Mel Poole
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Catoctin Mountain Park
Thurmont, MD 21788

Dear Mel:

On June 16, 2008, Sean Denniston, of your staff, accompanied me during an aerial detection survey for gypsy moth-caused tree defoliation at Catoctin Mountain Park. Approximately 15.1 acres of light defoliation (30-50%) were detected in the Park, of which only .9 acres occurred within the 2008 gypsy moth treatment areas (Figure 1). Approximately 23.6 acres of light defoliation and 8.6 acres of heavy defoliation (51-100%) were detected in the immediate vicinity of the Park.

We will be conducting gypsy moth egg mass surveys this fall in the four treatment areas. We would like your staff to conduct preliminary egg mass surveys in these areas and any other areas of interest during late summer.

Please contact me at 304-285-1555 if you have any questions regarding the aerial survey or survey letter.

Sincerely,

Rodney L. Whiteman

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Enclosure

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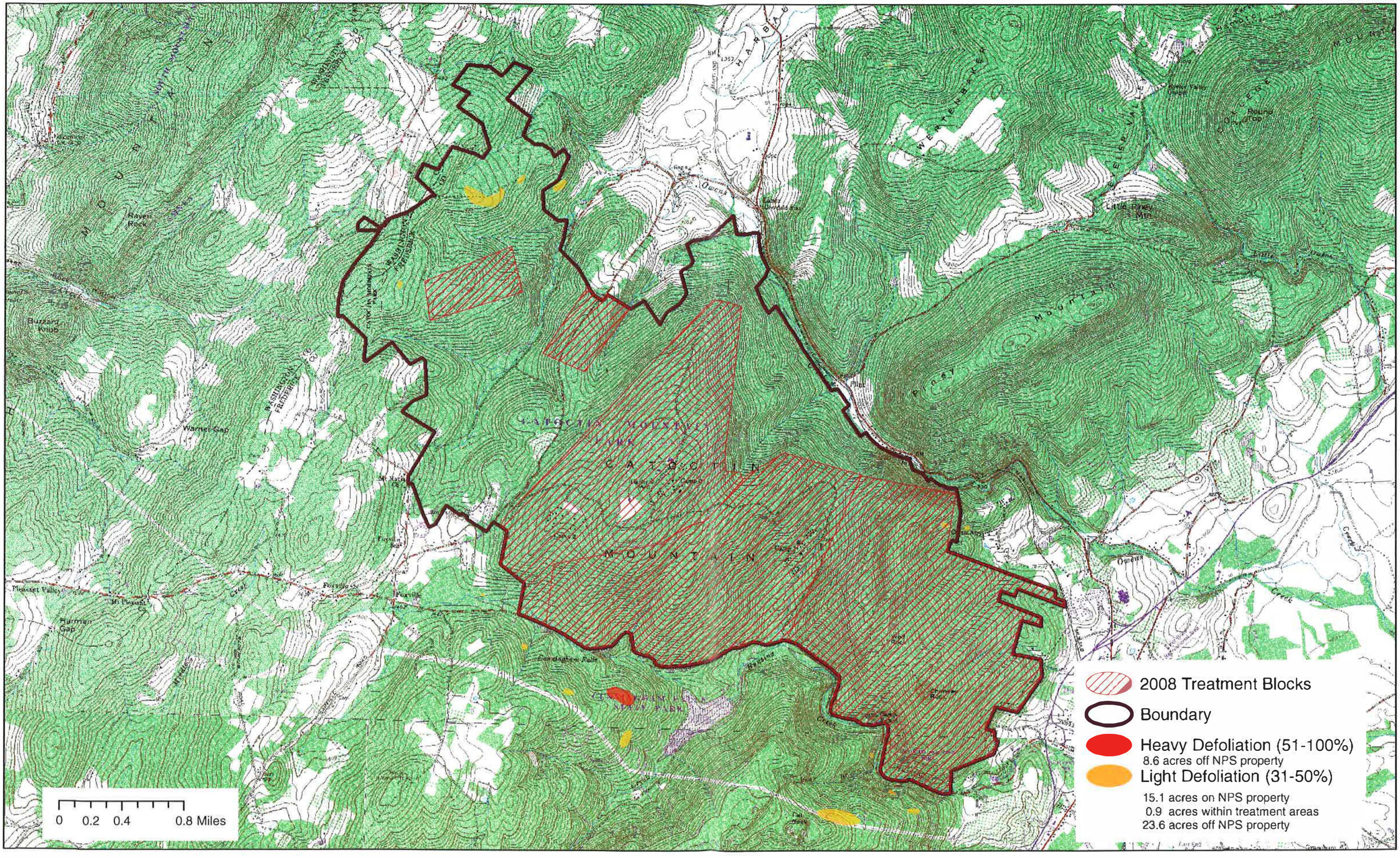
Figure 1. -- Results of the aerial detection survey conducted at Catoctin Mountain Park on June 16, 2008, along with the 2008 gypsy moth treatment areas.



Note- only defoliation within 0.5 mile of NPS property was mapped